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In re Application of: Malcolm Lockhart et al.
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DATA RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

) DECISION ON REQUEST FOR
WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY
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This is a decision on the Request To Withdraw from Representation filed January 16, 2002.

A grantable request to withdraw as attorney of record should indicate thereon the present mailing addresses of the attorney(s) who is/are withdrawing from the record and of the applicant. The request for withdrawal must be signed by every attorney seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The effective date of withdrawal being the date of decision and not the date of request. See M.P.E.P. § 402.06. 37 C.F.R. § 1.36 further requires that the applicant or patent owner be notified of the withdrawal of the attorney or agent.

The request is deficient in the following aspects: (1) There is no indication that the applicant has been informed of the request for withdrawal; (2) there is no statement that Rick A. Toering is *authorized* to sign on behalf of the other listed attorneys. Therefore, the request is **DENIED**.

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